Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S411-S448

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 190–207, and S. Res. 23–25.

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Measures Passed:

Debt Limit: By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 11), Senate passed H.R. 325, to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, after taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S413–26, S426–29**

Rejected:

Portman Amendment No. 6, to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts over the next decade. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 6), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Portman Amendment No. 7, to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 7), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Toomey Amendment No. 8, to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 8), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Paul/Lee Amendment No. 9, to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt. (By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 9), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Vitter motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 10), Senate tabled the motion.)

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10th Anniversary of the Loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 24, com-D62 memorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia. Page S448

125th Anniversary of Gonzaga University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 25, honoring Gonzaga University on its 125th anniversary. Page S448

Measures Considered:

Violence Against Women Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 47, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 5 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; that the time until 5:30 p.m., be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Page S448

Gregory Alan Phillips, of Wyoming, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. Page S448

Measures Read the First Time: Pages \$436, \$448
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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S447

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—11) Pages \$426-29

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:32 a.m. and adjourned at 6:09 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$448.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senators John Warner and Sam Nunn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 952 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and the need to invest in the nation's ports, after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense; Michael R. Christensen, Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, California, on behalf of the California Association of Port Authorities, and the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference; Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Associated Branch Pilots, Metairie, Louisiana; James K. Lyons, Alabama State Port Authority, Mobile; and Andrew H. Cairns, Washington, DC, on behalf of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

PENSION SAVINGS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pension savings, focusing on if workers are saving enough for retirement, after receiving testimony from Edward Moslander, TIAA-CREF, New York, New York; Julia McCarthy, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts; M. Cindy Hounsell, Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement, Washington, DC; and Brigitte Madrian, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights: Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Schumer, Franken, Coons, Blumenthal, Lee, Graham, Grassley, and Flake.

Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts: Senators Coons (Chair), Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar, Franken, Sessions, Grassley, Flake, and Cruz.

Subcommittee on The Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights: Senators Durbin (Chair), Franken, Coons, Blumenthal, Hirono, Cruz, Graham, Cornyn, and Hatch.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism: Senators Whitehouse (Chair), Feinstein, Schumer, Durbin, Klobuchar, Graham, Cruz, Sessions, and Lee.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security: Senators Schumer (Chair), Leahy, Feinstein, Durbin, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Hirono, Cornyn, Grassley, Hatch, Sessions, Flake, and Cruz.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action: Senators Blumenthal (Chair), Leahy, Klobuchar, Hatch, and Flake.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law: Senators Franken (Chair), Feinstein, Schumer, Whitehouse, Coons, Hirono, Flake, Hatch, Lee, Cornyn, and Graham.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 1, 2013 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 2 p.m., Monday, February 4

11 a.m., Friday, February 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 47, Violence Against Women Act, and vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.



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